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## Season's Greetings



Dear Friends of POAU:

It is with real pleasure that I extend to you the greetings and best wishes of the POAU staff.

Three momentous years have passed since our organization was founded by men of good will in the name of true religious freedom. During this period our cooperative efforts have focused attention and clarified thinking on church-state relations in the United States.

We have sought to discuss openly a controversial subject with justice, candor and impartiality. If our labors result, as we hope, in strengthening our guarantees of freedom so that all faiths may continue to exist in mutual respect, we shall have contributed to the peace of our time. If, further, our labors have helped to purify religion and government in their separate spheres, we shall have passed on to our children, undiminished, the rich heritage of liberty which is America's glory.

Renewed by the spirit of the season, POAU presses ahead.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

## President Poteat to Speak At 3d Nat'l Conference



Edwin McNeill Poteat (above), president of POAU, will be the principal speaker at the Third National Conference on Church and State, to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 31 and February 1st. Dr. Poteat will deliver the keynote address at the great mass meeting in Constitution Hall which will be the climactic event of the Conference.

The POAU president, who is also minister of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church at Raleigh, N. C., has had a long and distinguished career as clergyman, educator, writer and public servant. Along with President Truman, he was a headline personality at the Eighth Baptist World Congress held in Cleveland last July, where he delivered one of the principal addresses and served on the Commission on Religious Liberty. A leading member of the Commission on Worship of the Federal Council

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## Virginia Baptists Endorse POAU

A resolution strongly endorsing the principles and policies of POAU and urging all Baptist groups to do likewise was adopted by the Baptist General Association of Virginia at its recent annual session in Roanoke.

In other actions, the association warned young people to make sure that they are not giving up their right to direct the religious education of their children when they enter into mixed marriages, and registered their emphatic opposition to any resumption of diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

## Advance Registrants Have Seats Reserved

Those who register in advance for the 3d Annual Conference on Church and State, being held at Constitution Hall on February 1, will receive two tickets for the reserved section at the evening Mass Meeting.

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat is the speaker. Other program features will make this an outstanding event, and seating space will be at a premium.

A convention registration form is found in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Or send the dollar, and POAU will make out the blank for you, and mail you the program and reserved tickets.

## Brownsville "Mercy Hospital" Shows No "Mercy" to Mothers

An act of mercy has led to the dismissal of Dr. John M. Stephens from the staff of "Mercy Hospital," of Brownsville, Texas, it was revealed recently. The case bears out the truth of statements made by Paul Blanshard (author of *American Freedom and Catholic Power*) concerning Roman Catholic hospital practices which endanger the lives of mothers.

Sister Mary Stanislaus, director of the hospital, was quoted by the *Brownsville Herald* as follows:

"He [Dr. Stephens] has been denied the use of the hospital for violating a national code of ethics established for Catholic hospitals in regard to these matters."

The facts of the case, as given by *Time* magazine, are these: Dr. Stephens' patient, Mrs. Teresa Gonzales, was being delivered of her fourth child. Of her three previous children, the first had died in infancy and the next two "were delivered by dangerous high-forcep methods." Dr. Stephens had his patient X-rayed, and found that "the fetus . . . was lying in a wrong position and its head was much too big for normal delivery." He decided on delivery "by Caesarean section (less risky than high forceps). . . ." Mr. Gonzales "asked the doctor to do something to keep his wife from having more babies. Dr. Stephens said he would see about it." (In Texas, physicians may legally perform such operations with consent of the parties concerned.) After delivering the baby by Caesarean section, the doctor tied off the Fallopian tubes with surgical thread "so that Mrs. Gonzales would not become pregnant again." Sister Mary Adele—of the "Sisters of Mercy"—was standing by in the delivery room at this time. As the Sister in charge of "Mercy" Hospital's obstetrical department, she ordered Dr. Stephens to untie the Fallopian tubes. He did.

Several hours later, another of Dr. Stephens' patients reached the hospital, an expectant mother going into labor. Hospital authorities told her she would have to get another doctor. Instead, she went back home to have her baby, with Dr. Stephens in attendance.

" . . . most of Brownsville's townspeople backed Dr. Stephens," *Time* concludes. "So did fellow doctors, though none could raise his voice for fear that he, too, would find the doors of Mercy Hospital shut in his patients' faces."

## Picket Minister's Talk on Blanshard

Parishioners of the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, Calif., were met by an extraordinary spectacle recently when they found their church picketed by members of the Knights of Columbus. The pickets objected to the fact that the pastor, Dr. Guy Wimmer, was leading a series of Wednesday evening discussions of Paul Blanshard's memorable book, *American Freedom and Catholic Power*. Pamphlets attacking Blanshard were handed to all persons entering or leaving the church.

Attempts were also made to frighten the pastor with anonymous telephone calls. He didn't frighten easily.

## Take Out Gift Combinations Now

Members who act promptly can help POAU and themselves at the same time by taking out Holiday Gift Combinations for their friends. \$3.00 will secure one year's subscription to the *Church and State Newsletter*, a free copy of Dr. J. M. Dawson's powerful book, "Separate Church and State Now," and a complimentary membership in POAU—a Christmas gift that simply can't be beat! This offer will remain open until the concluding day of the Third National Conference. Simply fill out the blank below, and mail to POAU. Our goal is 5,000 new members by February 1st.

I enclose \$..... for ..... POAU Gift Combinations for the following persons, each of whom is to receive a Gift Card in my name (list names and addresses of recipients, then own name as it will appear on Gift Card).

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## Religious Liberty Meetings Continue

Meetings for promoting the cause of Religious Liberty are being held in the Washington, D. C., area on January 9, at the Chevy Chase Baptist Church, 8 P.M., with Dr. J. Warren Hastings of Washington's National City Christian Church as speaker. On January 15 a "Freedom Forum," with POAU Executive Director Glenn L. Archer as speaker, will be held in Arlington, Virginia, at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. And on Monday, January 22, at 8 P.M., in the St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1611 Brentwood Rd., N.E., John C. Mayne, POAU Director of Organization, will address the Religious Liberty Community Meeting.

A number of ministers and other leaders in the five-state area near Washington are expressing their desire for speakers, and for meetings to be held in January and February. Mr. Mayne, at POAU's Washington headquarters, is completing these arrangements. Write, or phone him at DE 4044.

## Israel Rabbis' Political Involvement Scored Here

Adoption of the principle of separation of church and state was urged upon the state of Israel by the United Synagogue of America at its recent biennial convention in Washington, D. C. The organization, a Conservative Jewish body, expressed "the hope and prayer that the present involvement of religion in politics be unraveled, to the end that all citizens in Israel shall find a full expression of their religious ideals free from political pressures." (RNS)

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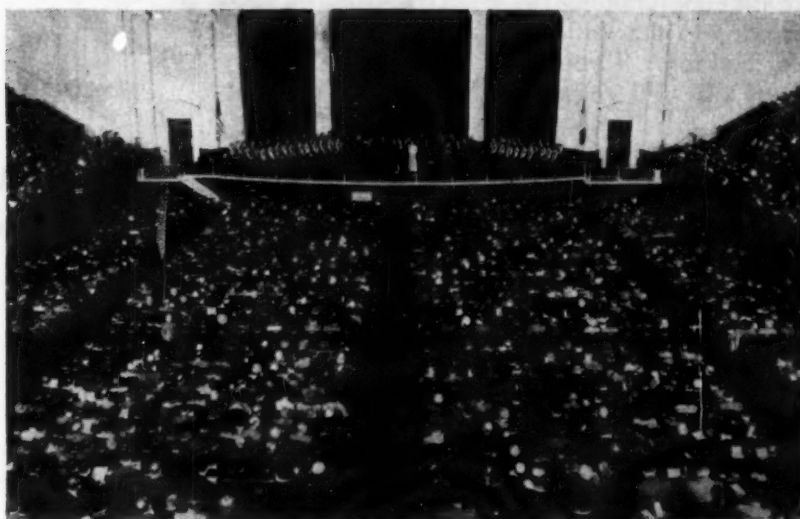
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# THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on Separation of Church and State

**FEBRUARY 1, 1951 at Historic Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C.**



**Last Year's Great Conference in Washington.**

## "WORKSHOPS ON FREEDOM" A Conference Feature!

On Thursday, February 1, 1951, delegates to the Third Annual Conference will have the opportunity of participating in "Workshops on Freedom." Laymen, students, educators, clergymen, officers of POAU chapters, and other citizens are invited to have a part in these morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday.

**Subjects of the "Workshops" are:**

### I. EFFECTIVE LOCAL POAU CHAPTERS.

How to organize and carry on a local Chapter in your own State, City, Community or Church. How to set up a program of education and action. This "Workshop" will be led by experienced leaders and POAU officers.

### II. THE LEGAL APPROACH TO CHURCH-STATE PROBLEMS.

In the face of repeated violations, what can citizens and groups do. Actual field reports by lawyers and others who have been prominent in this area. Legal leaders and other officials are in charge of this "Workshop."

### III. TELLING THE STORY OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Information, reports, displays and demonstrations of effective methods of publicity and education; setting up Rallies, Reformation Day meetings, issuing literature, and other activities. Led by public relations leaders.

## Great Mass Meeting Will Climax National Conference.

Thursday, February 1, will provide a day-long Conference for visiting delegates. Program in brief (subject to change):

- 9:00 A.M. Registration, group assignments, viewing displays, etc.
- 9:30 Opening Address.
- 10:15 "Who's Who" at the Conference.
- 10:30 Three "Workshops for Freedom" (Choose one from the opposite column)
- 12:00 Noon. Luncheon and Fellowship Period.
- 2:30 P.M. "Workshops" resumed.
- 4:15 Summary of Workshops activity.
- 4:45 Afternoon closing address.
- Recess, viewing of displays

### MAIN EVENING SESSION

8:00 Mass Meeting of Citizens in Constitution Hall

Addresses:

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of POAU

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, President, National POAU

The day before the Conference, on January 31, there will be meetings of the Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council.

## WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR THIS GREAT CONFERENCE?

Laymen, teachers, lawyers, clergymen, and other citizens concerned for Religious Liberty. POAU chapters and other groups should send delegations.

Two reserved-seat tickets for evening mass meeting will be mailed to each person sending in Advance Registration.

## REGISTRATION BLANK

Third National Conference on Church and State, February 1, 1951. Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C.

Send to:  
Protestants and Other Americans United. (Advance Registration \$1.00)  
1633 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for my Registration at the Conference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give title: Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Represented \_\_\_\_\_

Program and 2 seat reservations for mass meeting will be sent to all those registering in advance.

NOTE: If you cannot attend this year (check x)—

( ) I cannot be present personally this year, but wish to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for ( ) Student Registrations, or ( ) Conference expenses.

(Cut out and mail today)

## BUST THAT BALLOON!

A few months ago, President Truman announced he was considering appointing a full-time ambassador to the Vatican. This was a "trial balloon." If you value American liberty, if you think democracy worth keeping . . .

**WRITE 1. PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
2. BOTH YOUR SENATORS**

**THAT THERE MUST BE**

**NO U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE POPE!**

**TELL OTHERS TOO:** Send \$1 for 35 of these postcards. Mail them to friends. Send to: **Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, 1633 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.**



The U. S. penny-post card reproduced here may be ordered from POAU in any quantity at the rate of \$1.00 for 35 cards.

## Parochial Schools Head Appointed To Massachusetts State Board

Can the director of a huge parochial school system also serve as a member of the government agency which administers the state public school system? This question has been raised in Massachusetts with the recent appointment by Governor Paul A. Dever of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius T. H. Sherlock to the Massachusetts Board of Education. Msgr. Sherlock is superintendent of schools for the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston.

As soon as news of the appointment leaked out, leaders of the Massachusetts Council of Churches prepared a resolution of protest which pointed out that, regardless of personal qualifications, "Msgr. Sherlock, as an official of the Roman Catholic school system, is required to support a program under which Roman Catholic children are withdrawn from the public schools." The Council spokesmen maintained that his "allegiance to the theory and practice of public education can at best be only partial," and that his clerical position "disqualified" him from service on the public school board.

### Many Schools Close

According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, Roman Catholic schools in Boston have been expanded, under Msgr. Sherlock's direction, "to the point where it is estimated that better than one out of every three children in Boston attends parochial schools." This has led to a corresponding decline in the Boston public school population. "In the last 10 years," the *Monitor* declares, "the Boston School Committee has sold nearly 40 school buildings and 20 parcels of land to the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston and to veterans' posts at private sales."

## Calls Public Schools Democracy's Backbone

In spite of constant criticism from sideline observers who are not familiar with educational problems, a growing number of Americans are beginning to realize that the public schools are the keystone of the nation's life, Roy E. Larsen, president of Time, Inc., and chairman of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, declared recently. He made the statement at a special education convocation at the University of Kansas, attended by 800 people.

"Our school systems give strength to the country and they give protection to it," Larsen said. "They make it almost impossible for the kind of thing that happened in Germany under Hitler to happen here."

"I see in our public education the most dramatic and concrete expression of our theories of the equality of opportunity. Nowhere else in the world is it being done so well and effectively."

He added that public schools operate at their highest level when a truly representative group of laymen in each community work in close cooperation with school officials, studying all the workings of the system involved before making new plans.

## New York Universalists Back POAU Objectives

The Universalist churches of New York State, at their recent annual meeting in Betts Memorial Church, Syracuse, adopted a resolution endorsing the principles and policies of POAU. In another resolution, the convention warned that American liberties are endangered by the current internal trend towards suppression of all dissent, as well as by the menace of totalitarianism abroad.

*"The prescriptions in favor of liberty ought to be leveled against that quarter where the greatest danger lies, namely, that which possesses the highest prerogative of power. But this is not found in either the executive or legislative departments of Government, but in the body of the people, operating by the majority against the minority."*—James Madison.

## POTEAT

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of the Churches of Christ, he has also been president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, a member of the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the Governor's Commission on State Hospitals, and associate professor of philosophy and ethics at the University of Shanghai. He is the author of many books, and has contributed articles and verse to *Harper's Magazine*, *Christendom*, *The Christian Century* and other publications.

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# This Light Must Be Kept Burning!

POAU Fights Those Who Would Extinguish It

## THE OBJECTIVES OF POAU

1. To mobilize public opinion in support of religious liberty.
2. To resist every attempt to break down the wall of separation of church and state.
3. To oppose the appointment of an envoy to the Vatican.
4. To work for the repeal of any law which sanctions the granting of aid to church schools from the public school treasury.
5. To invoke the aid of the courts in maintaining the integrity of the Constitution with respect to the separation of church and state.
6. To unite all patriotic citizens in a concerted effort to prevent the proposal of any bill by Congress which allots to church schools any portion of a Federal appropriation for education.
7. To give all possible aid to the citizens of any State who are seeking to protect their public schools from sectarian domination.

## Launching of POAU

### Came at Crucial Hour

The formation of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU)—now about to celebrate its third anniversary—was completed on November 20, 1947, after a series of conferences which extended over most of that year. The top national leaders who participated in those conferences did so because they sensed the growing peril to religious freedom implicit in many current developments involving the use of public tax monies for support of sectarian institutions.

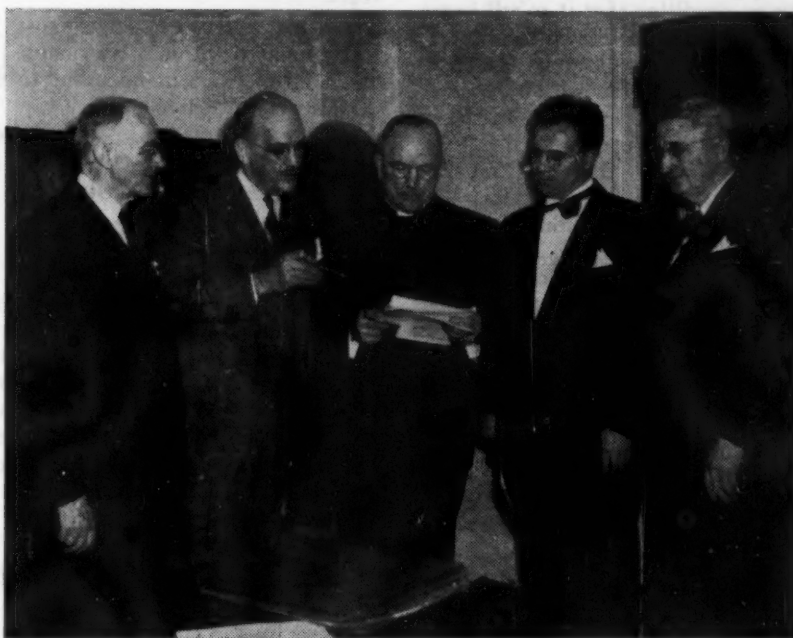
These leaders, distinguished for their devotion to the rights of conscience, adopted a Manifesto of principles which has now become historic. Taking their stand on the "no-establishment-of-religion" clause of the First Amendment, they proclaimed that "the single and only purpose" of the new organization was "to assure the maintenance of the American principle of separation of church and state upon which the Federal Constitution guarantees religious liberty to all the people and all churches of this Republic."

### Liberty for All

The founders of POAU made it clear that the new organization would not "concern itself with the religious teaching, the forms of worship, or the ecclesiastical organization of the many churches in our country," but emphasized that POAU would concern itself with practices of the federal, state and municipal governments which were in violation of the First

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## POAU LEADERS



Effective defense of the bastion of religious liberty was the subject discussed by POAU leaders (above) as they met early in 1949 for their first annual meeting. Exchanging views on a crucial point are, left to right, Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of "The Christian Century"; Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, past-president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of the New York area; Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU; and Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

# Spellman Sells Land to City, Makes \$700,000 for Church

"Where children are concerned, one thing we have to forget is the cost."

So declared William O'Dwyer—then Mayor of New York City—last spring. He made the remark in answer to a citizen who had objected to the "uneconomical" character of the city's plan to purchase a Madison Avenue property for use as a public school site.

The property in question—on the east side of Madison Avenue between 81st and 82nd Streets—was originally leased by the city on February 3, 1866 to Roman Catholic Archbishop John McCloskey for 99 years at an annual rental of \$1, with the express stipulation that the land was to be used by the Sisters of Mercy for an industrial school. The church acquired outright title on December 19, 1944, when Francis Cardinal Spellman bought it from the city for \$275,000. On May 16, 1950, the city bought the property back for \$1,350,000—\$1,075,000 more than the price paid by Cardinal Spellman when he bought it from the city.

## State Act Ignored

This transaction, so profitable to the Roman Catholic Church, was made possible by a 1903 state law which provided that a charitable organization wishing to move from its site might buy the property from the city *on condition that it re-sell immediately to a tax-paying purchaser.* The Institute of Mercy agreed to comply with this law within one year. Instead, the clerical administrators held on to the property until October 13, 1949, when, through Frederick Brown, a real estate operator, they sold it to Jacob Freidus. Freidus paid \$975,000 to the Institute of Mercy and \$75,000 to Brown. After a complicated series of transactions—reported in detail in the *New York Daily Compass*—Freidus and his associates sold the property to the City of New York for \$1,350,000.

The nearest public school, P. S. 6, was built in 1893, and parents in the neighborhood have been complaining for years that it is obsolete and overcrowded. This was the excuse used by city authorities to justify their "money-is-no-object" policy in repurchasing the site. But, if the need had been recognized for years, why did the public officials sell the property to the Institute of Mercy in the first place, and why did they allow the 1903 law to be evaded? These questions remain unanswered.

## Baptist Group Defines Position on Federal Aid

"Unalterable" opposition to any mingling of church and state functions was expressed by the annual state convention of North Carolina Baptists, meeting in Durham recently. A "statement of principle and interpretation," prepared by a special committee, declared that church-state cooperation must be limited to "exchange of values" under clearly prescribed conditions, as follows:

1. "In any cooperative exchange of services or property, such service must be completely free of any control, direct or implied."
2. "Any such exchange must be definite and specific, and represent a genuine exchange of values mutually agreed upon and so stated in a contract."
3. "Any such exchange must be consummated within a reasonable period of time, but in no event to exceed a period of two years."
4. "Any such exchange must be reported annually to the Convention by the trustees of the institution or agencies."

## Tax Funds Rejected

The committee report declared that government subsidization of church institutions is incompatible with the concept of "a free Church and a free State," and cited a Supreme Court dictum as confirmation of this view. In the case referred to, the high court had said: "... it is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes."

Acceptance of tax funds for either church schools or hospitals was condemned by the convention. General Secretary M. A. Huggins reported that \$357,473 in cash and \$40,000 in pledges had already been secured through private subscription for the support of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem. (RNS)

## POAU Launching

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Amendment. "Congress and all State legislatures, and all executive and judiciary agencies of government," they said, "must be warned that they are playing with fire when they play into the hands of any church which seeks, at any point, however marginal, to breach the wall that sharply separates church and state in this country."

Corrective action was vitally needed if true religious liberty were to be preserved, the POAU leaders maintained. "Our operations . . . are not inspired by any religious differences, but by a common conviction concerning the religious liberty of all faiths. . . . Here all the churches have liberty to worship as they desire, to propagate their own faith, and to maintain such organizations for this purpose as they deem expedient. In the open forum of religious liberty they may meet one another in cooperation or controversy."

## Growing Recognition

For the past three years, POAU has taken its stand in the public arena on today's most vital questions of church-state relations. On issues ranging from federal aid to public education to the question of whether or not to resume United States diplomatic relations with the Vatican, our organization has militantly championed the principle of separation of church and state.

Brickbats and bouquets have been cast our way because of this stand—the brickbats, from the advocates of an authoritarian, state-sponsored religion, and the bouquets, from the believers in full freedom of conscience—but on all sides, skepticism as to POAU's future has given way to increasing respect for the organization's integrity and effectiveness. Even some of POAU's most intransigent opponents have come to realize that if the government were to grant aid "impartially" to each of the numerous sects which flourish in America's free climate, an intolerable financial burden would be placed on the ordinary citizen, who would be forced to contribute to the support, not only of his own beliefs, but of all others as well.

Much progress has been made—and much more remains to be done. POAU, with a 3-year record of achievement behind it, looks forward to further struggle and further achievement in the cause of religious liberty.

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# AN INVESTMENT IN RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

## A Challenge to Every Freedom-loving American

With almost overwhelming problems facing America in her quest for Freedom, citizens of all faiths are challenged to work for Religious Liberty.

- In thirty-four states, efforts are being made to use public tax money for sectarian purposes, thus depriving our free American public schools of needed support.
- Strong pressures are being exerted to have the President of the United States appoint an envoy to the Vatican at Rome. This would give additional political power to the followers of one of the distinctive denominations of America.
- Instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the press and the right of peaceful assembly are too well known to permit conscientious citizens to be complacent.

## POAU Organized to Help

Protestants and Other Americans United was organized only three years ago by leading citizens of America to aid in this fight for freedom of conscience. It has distributed hundreds of thousands of Manifestoes setting forth the objectives for Religious Liberty. This may be seen elsewhere in this issue.

POAU has gone to the aid of several state and local groups with legal help, when their rights were being threatened. It has set up a number of State and Local Chapters of POAU, and assisted these groups in setting up programs of action. College Scholarships have been awarded outstanding students to encourage research in Church-State relationships.

## \$6,000 NEEDED!

Before the end of December 1950, POAU needs \$6,000.00 to complete the program set up by the Board of Directors and National Advisory Council for this year. This sum will enable POAU to enter the New Year with a strong determination to step up "the battle for freedom." Your check mailed today will help POAU achieve its goal!

## A Positive Program for Religious Liberty!

POAU offers a positive means by which an interested citizen may promote real Freedom in America. Your gift of—

- \$100** Would provide a University Scholarship in Church-State Relationships.
- \$200** Will enable POAU to send out 10,000 "Bust the Balloon" postal cards. (See page 4.)
- \$300** Would help to set up displays of Religious Liberty materials at Church and Educational Conventions.
- \$400** Can aid POAU in establishing Chapters in two leading cities.
- \$500** Will provide publicity and arrangements for five more Religious Liberty Rallies—one in *your* city.
- \$1000** Could enable POAU to give legal aid to an area where local resources are not sufficient to fight violations of the Constitution by certain sectarian groups.

## A GIFT FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

To help POAU achieve its goal of \$6,000.00 in December, I enclose: (please check x) \$100.00 ( ), \$50.00 ( ), \$25.00 ( ), \$15.00 ( ), \$10.00 ( ), \$ ( ), or

I will send \$ on (date) 195

Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Rev., Dr.)

Address

City Zone State

Please RENEW my Membership ( ). Please make me a new member ( ).

(Any gift on down to two dollars will bring you the "Newsletter," and qualify you as a POAU member. Make all checks payable to "POAU," 1633 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Gifts are tax deductible; and a receipt for your records will be sent.)

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# Superintendent Challenges Garbed Teaching Nuns at St. Donatus, Ia. Colombian Nazi Revival Has Church's Blessing

Five members of the board of education at St. Donatus, an independent school district near Maquoketa, Ia., have been named as defendants in a suit filed by L. L. Long, Jackson County superintendent of schools, in the district court. Superintendent Long charges that the local "public" school actually is being operated as a Roman Catholic parochial school, with garbed nuns teaching in a building rented with public funds from the Catholic diocese at Dubuque. He seeks a court order requiring the St. Donatus school board "to provide a suitable building for a public school which will be operated in conformity with the law of the state."

Filing of the suit drew attention to the plight of Protestant parents in the community, who are generally sending their children to the public school at Bellevue, paying tuition and transportation charges out of their own pockets. The St. Donatus school board paid these expenses last year, but has refused to do so this year.

Board members with whom Superintendent Long has conferred have ignored his contention that the practices are illegal.

## Plan Quebec Appeal

The cases of ten Val d'Or evangelists, convicted of violating traffic by-laws by holding unauthorized street meetings, will be appealed to the Quebec Superior Court, it has been announced by the Union of Regular Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

Although street meetings have been discontinued for the winter, the Union wishes to contest the right of Val d'Or authorities to regulate public meetings through exercise of the police power.

*"Not by accident did the sponsors of American Education Week choose for the 1950 theme, 'Government Of, By, For the People.' During this week, moral and spiritual values have been stressed in our schools and throughout our adult population. Citizens were gravely impressed with their own responsibilities and the meaning of the ballot. Opportunity and justice for all—the aim of democracy—was exalted, and co-operation of the home, the school, and the community in order to provide education for all was made an imperative. . . . Every possible effort has been made to bring home to our people, young and old, the blessings of our democratic way of life. If democracy fails in our country, freedom will perish throughout the world."—Dr. Charl Ormond Williams, in her recent address, "Public Funds for Public Schools Only," given at Masonic Hall, New Orleans.*

## Prospective Members

300 friends have sent in lists of persons who will be invited to become members and contributors. Mail your list today.

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Pamphlets bedecked with pictures of Adolf Hitler, distributed by young men wearing swastikas on their arms, have been showered on pedestrians passing Catholic churches in various cities of Colombia, *Life* magazine reported in its November 20th issue. The magazine's story is documented with photographs of the young Nazis in action before the entrance to Vera Cruz Roman Catholic Church, in the city of Medellín. The literature was also distributed in the capital city of Bogotá, and in Cali and Barranquilla, *Life* added.

Nazis are not new in Colombia, but open support from church leaders "shocked" many citizens, the magazine account said. Distribution of the fascist literature immediately followed the holding of a mass in memory of the fourth anniversary of the hanging at Nuremberg of Von Ribbentrop and other Nazi leaders.

*"... The immense majority of the workers are not with the (Roman Catholic) church; they do not love the church; they even hate the church. . . ."*—from text of allocution made by Archbishop Marcellino Loizaga of Valencia, Spain, at the "third social conference" of the diocese.

## Select Delegates Now For Nat'l Conference

Already a number of local churches and clergy groups, as well as Religious Liberty Committees and POAU Chapters are selecting their delegates to attend the 3d National Conference on Church and State, to be held at Constitution Hall, on February 1, 1951. The Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council will meet the day before—on January 31—for their sessions.

Groups are assuring their delegates part of their expenses. Delegates will bring back reports to the local groups. Register your delegates at once. This will assure them reserved seat tickets for the evening mass meeting, and copies of the advance program. Use the registration form in this issue of the *Newsletter*, please.

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